

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2514 – SB 2719

February 11, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) to establish a pilot program in one county for the disposal of controlled substances and narcotic prescription drugs and to develop procedures for individuals to leave approved substances with law enforcement officers.

Requires TBI to consult the Board of Pharmacy and other federal agencies during project development and implementation, to issue interim reports to the House Health and Human Resources Committee and the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee before March 1, 2011, and to issue a final report before March 1, 2013. The project will expire on June 30, 2013, unless extended by an act of the General Assembly.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$23,600/One-Time
\$65,800/FY10-11
\$65,800/FY11-12
\$65,800/FY12-13

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

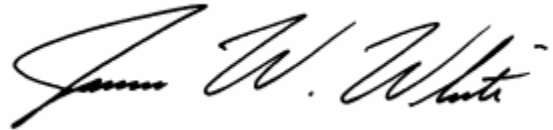
- The pilot project will be conducted in only one county for three years unless continued by the General Assembly.
- According to TBI, the project will follow the University of Tennessee's Law Enforcement Innovation Center's model for a pharmaceutical disposal program.
- A drop box will be required to receive unused, unwanted and expired pharmaceuticals. Purchase of the drop box will result in a one-time expenditure of \$1,100.
- One TBI agent and two local police officers will be required for each element of the disposal program.
- TBI will be required to hire one new agent to provide supervisory oversight for the program. The new agent would receive a salary of \$49,100 plus benefits of \$16,694 resulting in an increase in state expenditures during FY10-11, FY11-12 and FY12-13 of \$65,794 (\$49,100 + \$16,694) and a \$22,500 one-time increase in state expenditures for equipment including weapons, a vest and handcuffs. This position will be eliminated when the pilot program is concluded in FY12-13.

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- Two local police officers will be required for one eight-hour monthly drop-off event and during four one-hour collection periods each month.
- One local officer will be required one time each month for six hours to obtain court orders for pill destruction, removal of pills from evidence, documentation and incineration.
- One local officer will be required one time each month for two hours to serves as a witness for pill removal from evidence storage, incineration and documentation.
- According to a limited survey of local police departments, duties required of local law enforcement could be accommodated within existing resources. The pilot project will occur in a county with sufficient resources that the addition of local law enforcement will not be required.
- The pilot project will terminate on June 30, 2013.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more compact, stylized manner, followed by "W." and "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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